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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 29, 2004, the period of response to which is set to expire on April 29, 2004. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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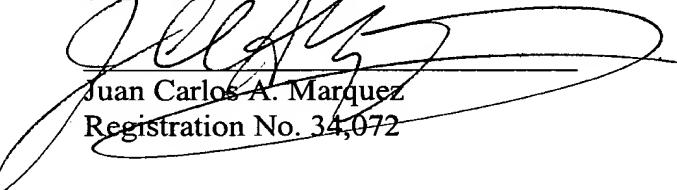
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A check in the amount of **\$9.00** to cover the excess claim fee is enclosed. Applicant qualifies for small entity status.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 08-1480**.

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